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REMARKS

Claim 78 has been cancelled. Claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, 77, and 79-86 were previously pending and allowed. New claims 87-107 have been added. Consequently claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, 77 and 79-107 are now pending.

New claims 87-107 correspond to claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, and 77-86, which were entered as a result of an Amendment filed on August 20, 2004 and previously allowed. See Notice of Allowability mailed October 21, 2004. Differences between the new claims 87-107 and the previously allowed claims appear in new claims 105, 106, and 107 (previously allowed claims 84, 85, and 86, respectively). In claim 105, the extraneous word "is" has been deleted. In claim 106, "recreation of" has been changed to "recreating", "from" has been changed to "based on" and "propagation of" has been revised to "propagating," all to improve clarity. In claim 107, "wherein in" has been changed to "wherein."

Thus, claims 87-107 do not present new matter and do not raise new issues, as they simply correspond to claims that have previously been allowed. Accordingly, the applicants submit that claims 59-61, 63, 64, 66-69, 71, 72, 77, and 79-107 are in condition for allowance and an early notification to that effect is courteously solicited.

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If there are any formal matters remaining after this Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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